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This report contains the results from the **2018 March Agricultural Survey**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Corn Acreage Up 5 Percent From 2017

Cotton Acreage Up 8 Percent From Last Year

All Rice Acreage Up 15 Percent From A Year Ago

Arkansas **corn** producers intend to plant 650,000 acres, up 5 percent from the 620,000 acres planted in 2017.

All cotton acreage intentions are at 480,000 acres, up 8 percent from the 445,000 acres planted last year.

All hay acres expected to be harvested in Arkansas are estimated at 1.18 million acres, up 17,000 acres from 2017.

Oats producers intend to plant 12,000 acres in 2018, up 9 percent from last year.

Arkansas **peanut** producers intend to plant 30,000 acres in 2018, unchanged from last year.

All rice intended planted acres for 2018 are 1.33 million acres, up 15 percent from the 1.16 million acres planted in 2017.

Long grain rice acres are up 155,000 acres from last year, while medium grain acres are up 15,000 acres from a year ago.

Sorghum producers intend to plant 15,000 acres, up 67 percent from the 2017 record low.

Soybeans producers intend to plant 3.60 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest planted acres since 1997, when the state planted 3.65 million acres.

All wheat acreage in Arkansas is down 10 percent from last year to an estimated 180,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2018. If realized, this will be the lowest acres since 1962.

Principal Crops: Area Planted - Arkansas and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn	620.0	650.0	105	90,167.0	88,026.0	98
Cotton, all	445.0	480.0	108	12,611.5	13,469.0	107
Hay, all ²	1,163.0	1,180.0	101	53,784.0	53,726.0	100
Oats	11.0	12.0	109	2,588.0	2,716.0	105
Peanuts	30.0	30.0	100	1,870.6	1,536.5	82
Rice, all	1,161.0	1,331.0	115	2,463.0	2,690.0	109
Long grain	995.0	1,150.0	116	1,811.0	2,030.0	112
Medium grain	165.0	180.0	109	613.0	609.0	99
Short grain	1.0	1.0	100	39.0	51.0	131
Sorghum	9.0	15.0	167	5,626.0	5,932.0	105
Soybeans	3,530.0	3,600.0	102	90,142.0	88,982.0	99
Sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	(X)	161.6	158.5	98
Wheat, all	200.0	180.0	90	46,012.0	47,339.0	103

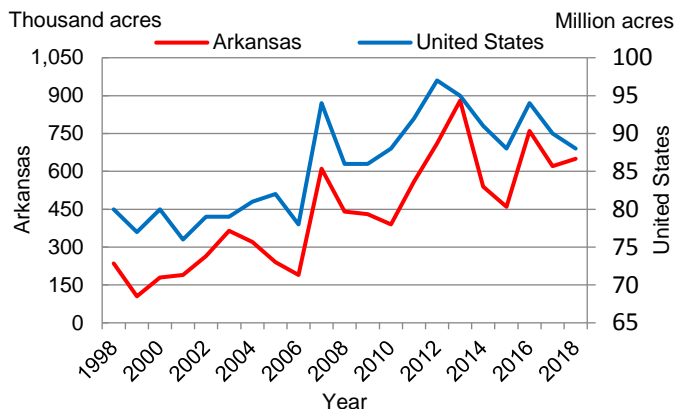
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

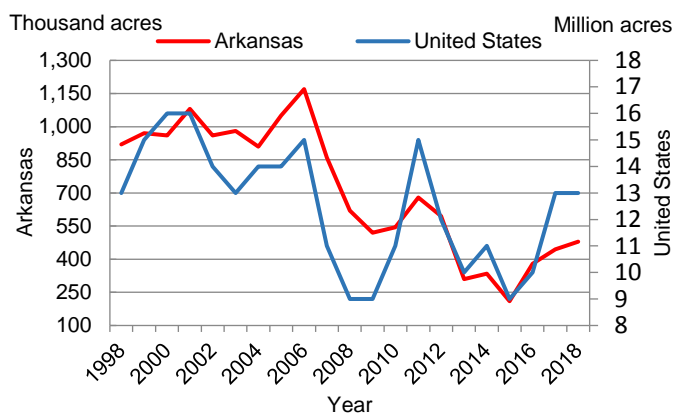
¹ Intended plantings in 2018 as indicated by reports from producers.

² Intended area for harvest in 2018 as indicated by reports from producers.

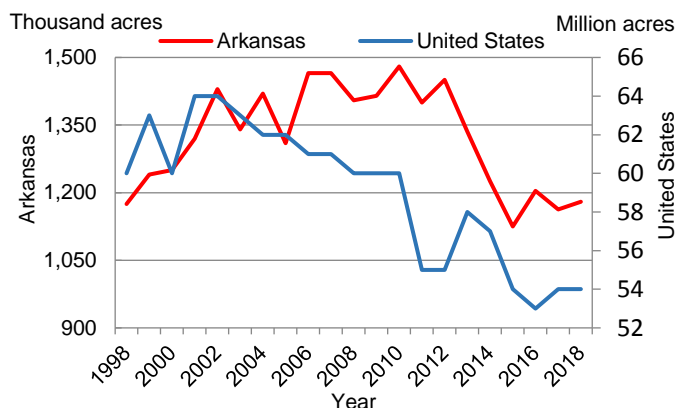
Corn: Area Planted - Arkansas and United States: 1998 - 2018



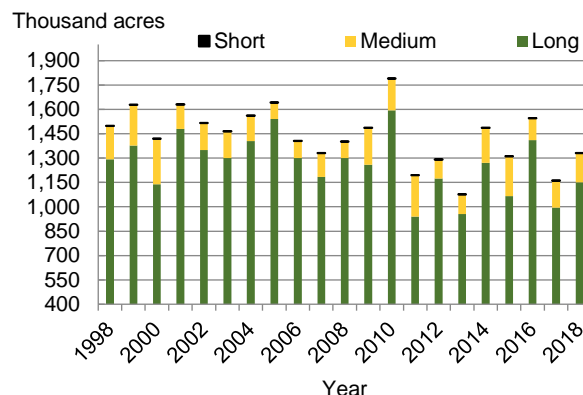
All Cotton: Area Planted - Arkansas and United States: 1998 - 2018



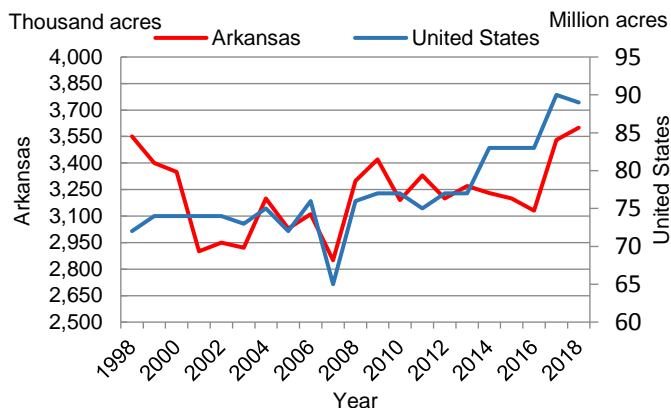
All Hay: Area Harvested - Arkansas and United States: 1998 - 2018



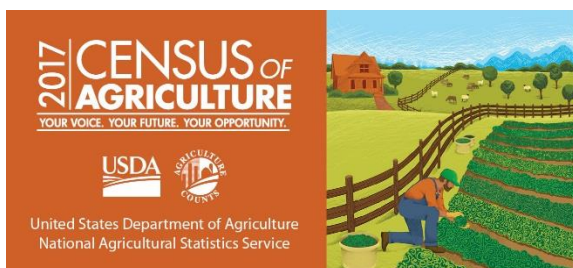
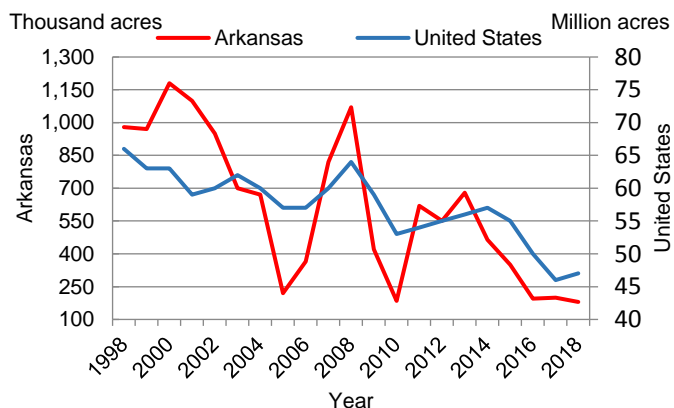
Rice: Area Planted - Arkansas 1998 - 2018



Soybeans: Area Planted - Arkansas and United States: 1998 - 2018



All Wheat: Area Planted - Arkansas and United States: 1998 - 2018



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